



• Please amend paragraph [0042] on page 6:

A free layer 118 is located in contact with and above the hard magnet 114 and is in electrical contact with the first gap spacer 116. The free layer 118 also overhangs the hard magnet 114. In the present invention, the free layer 118 is a ferromagnetic material such as cobalt iron (CoFe) or nickel iron (NiFe).